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AUTHENTICATION BROKER SERVICE

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Abstract

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5 A user is authenticated for a relying computing entity (e.g., an enterprise)
6 through an authentication broker service, wherein a trust relationship exists
7 between the relying computing entity and the authentication broker service. The
8 authentication broker service has a trust relationship with the relying computing
9 entity and the authentication service that issued the identity of the user. The
10 relying computing entity asks the authentication broker service to authenticate the
11 identity of the user. The authentication broker service captures the user's
12 credential (or directs the authentication service to do so) and sends an
13 authentication response (e.g., a token) to the relying computing entity in order to
14 authenticate the identity of the user to the relying computing entity. The relying
15 computing entity verifies the authentication response based on the trust
16 relationship between the relying computing entity and the authentication broker
17 service.

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